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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO SADAT

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SADAT THROUGH MOST
EXPEDITIOUS CHANNEL (PRESUMABLY MUBARAK).

2. AS PRESIDENT SADAT KNOWS THE ADMINISTRATION MADE A
STRONG CASE DURING THE AIRCRAFT SALES DEBATE IN CONGRESS
THAT APPROVAL OF THESE CONTRACTS TO THE THREE KEY MIDDLE
EASTERN STATES WOULD ENHANCE THE PROSPECT FOR PEACE
NEGOTIATIONS. THERE IS NOW A CONSIDERABLE BODY OF OPINION
THAT EXPECTS SOME NEW SIGN OF ACTIVITY AS A RESULT OF THE
SALES. WE ARE EMPHASIZING TO ALL CONCERNED THAT WE ARE OF
COURSE IN CONSTANT DIALOGUE WITH BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT IN
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DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, THE NEXT STEP BEING THE ISRAELI CABINET
DEBATE ON THE QUESTIONS WE HAVE PUT TO ISRAEL. THIS, HOW-
EVER, MAY BE POSTPONED FOR A SHORT TIME BECAUSE OF ISRAELI
REACTION TO THE ARMS SALES AND DAYAN'S JUDGMENT -- IN
WHICH WE CONCUR -- THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE THE MOST CONDUCTIVE
ATMOSPHERE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES WE HAVE POSED
TO THEM.

3. AS WE AWAIT THE ISRAELI REPLY TO OUR QUESTIONS PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD FIND IT VERY HELPFUL IF PRESIDENT SADAT

COULD FIND AN EARLY OCCASION TO SAY PUBLICLY SOMETHING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: THAT HE IS READY FOR EGYPT TO RESUME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL AS SOON AS THERE ARE NEW ELEMENTS TO DISCUSS AND, SPECIFICALLY, AS SOON AS ISRAEL CLARIFIES ITS POSITION ON THE ISSUES PRESENTLY BEFORE IT; EGYPT WILL ALSO HAVE SOME NEW IDEAS TO CONTRIBUTE AT THAT TIME.

4. A STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ASSET IN ENCOURAGING EARLY ISRAELI DECISIONS AND IN MAINTAINING SUPPORT FOR EGYPT AND THE PRESIDENT'S POLICIES AT THIS JUNCTURE. VANCE

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